

MINUTES
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: May 13, 2003

PLACE: 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Rich Untermann, Directors John Britton, Olivia Rodriguez, Lee Moldaver, Richard Udd, and General Manager Gary Gleason

OTHERS PRESENT: Browning Allen and Dan Secord (City of Santa Barbara), Fred Lamont, (County of Santa Barbara), Joshua Molina (Santa Barbara News-Press), Dale Hill (E-Bus), Doug Large (MTD Council) Sherrie Fisher and Barbra Nelson, (MTD)

1. Call to Order

Chair Untermann called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Chair Untermann noted that all Board members were present.

3. Approval of Prior Minutes

Director Moldaver moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes for the meeting of April 29, 2003. Director Britton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda

General Manager Gary Gleason reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters one week prior to the meeting and mailed to media of general circulation.

5. Cash Report

Director Britton moved to adopt the cash report for the period of April 22, 2003, through May 5, 2003. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Transportation Manager, City of Santa Barbara, Browning Allen, Santa Barbara City Council Member, Dan Secord (via speaker phone), Executive Director, Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara, Fred Lamont, MTD General Council, Doug Large were present to observe and participate.

7. Bus Procurement

The General Manager reported that to insure vehicle reliability and meet service commitments, MTD staff recommends the acquisition of 16, 30-foot clean diesel buses through joint procurement and lease, as a backup to the postponed RFP for electric buses. After some discussion, Director Udd moved to authorize the MTD staff recommendation, with the option to switch out to electric buses if the postponed RFP for electric buses is allowed. Director Britton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. Calle Real

Chair Untermann summarized the Purchase Terms Agreement for the Calle Real Property in Goleta between MTD and The Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara. MTD General Council, Doug Large, presented some minor improvements to the agreement. Director Rodriguez moved to accept the agreement with improvements. Director Udd seconded the motion that passed with 4 ayes and 1 no.

9. General Manager's Report

Mr. Gleason reviewed the progress of the Haley Yard project, noting that even with several obstacles, major work should be completed as scheduled in August. The General Manager said that MTD staff member Steve Hahn is looking into solar cell technology, the incentives and some novel strategies for financing.

Mr. Gleason announced that there is a new Executive Director of Easy Lift, Bob Westwick. The General Manager reported that Interim Executive Director, Dave Johnson, was able to raise funds from other sources in addition to MTD, to cover Easy Lift's funding shortfall. MTD's costs will increase a total of over \$127,000 for this service.

The General Manager stated that Santa Barbara City College students approved, by a 10-to-1 vote, the proposed fare increases and adopted a 10-year rolling contract.

Mr. Gleason reported that, based on feedback from the public meetings held this month, riders would prefer a fare increase over decreased service. The General Manager went over the 4 reasons MTD will expect funding shortfalls: 1) sales taxes are going down 2) the population is being redistributed from South to North Santa Barbara County 3) the same as 2 is true of Federal funds and 4) costs are rising.

Mr. Gleason asked that the Board set up a finance committee meeting.

10. Other Business and Committee Reports

Director Moldaver suggested that an MTD Board member attend the next Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) Board meeting to report on the bus procurement progress.

Chair Untermann thanked Richard Udd for his service on the Board and stated that the personnel committee will work on his replacement.

11. Closed Session

At this time the Board entered closed sessions pursuant to Government Codes §54956.9 and §54957.7, regarding threatened legal action and personnel matters, respectively.

Upon returning from closed sessions, it was reported that the Board had given instructions to the Assistant General Manager regarding settlement of the claim. No other action was taken.

12. Adjournment

Director Britton moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.